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E-04204A-11-0131

Re: UNS Electric, Inc.
Docket No. E-04204A-11-_____
Application for Approval of Revised Pricing Plan Rider – 3

UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNS Electric") hereby submits a revised Pricing Plan Rider-3 for approval by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission"). Pricing Plan Rider-3 was recently approved in Decision No. 71821 (August 10, 2010) and sets the Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation ("MCCCG") to be used in conjunction with Pricing Plan Rider-4 Net Metering for Certain Partial Requirements Service ("NM-PRS"). UNS Electric proposes to revise the MCCCG rate to update the anticipated avoided cost to be used for the Annual Credit for Excess Generation as defined in Pricing Plan Rider-4 NM-PRS. Clean and redlined versions of the revised Pricing Plan Rider-3 are attached.

WHEREFORE, UNS Electric requests the Commission approve the revised Pricing Plan Rider-3.

Sincerely,

Melody Gilkey
Regulatory Counsel

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**Pricing Plan Rider-3
Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation
(MCCCG) Calculation
as Applicable to Pricing Plan Rider-4 NM-PRS**

AVAILABILITY

The Market Cost of Comparable Conventional Generation (MCCCG) calculation, Rider-3, is restricted solely to Pricing Plan Rider-4, Net Metering for Certain Partial Requirements Service (NM-PRS). If for a billing month a Pricing Plan Rider-4 NM-PRS Customer's generation facility's energy production exceeds the energy supplied by the Company, the Customer's bill for the next billing period shall be credited for the excess generation as described in Pricing Plan Rider-4 NM-PRS. The excess kWh during the billing period shall be used to reduce the kWh supplied (not kW or kVA demand or customer/facilities charges) and billed by the Company during the following billing period. Each calendar year, for the customer bills produced in October (September usage) or a customer's "Final" bill - the Company shall credit the Customer for the positive balance of excess kWhs (if any) after netting against billing period usage. The payment for the purchase of the excess kWhs will be at the Company's applicable avoided cost, which for purposes of Pricing Plan Rider-4 NM-PRS shall be the simple average of the hourly MCCCG as described below for the applicable year.

The Commission provided guidance on defining MCCCG in the context of its REST Rules and identified the MCCCG as "the Affected Utility's energy and capacity cost of producing or procuring the incremental electricity that would be avoided by the resources used to meet the Annual Renewable Energy Requirement, taking into account hourly, seasonal and long term supply and demand circumstances. Avoided costs include any avoided transmission and distribution costs and any avoided environmental compliance costs." R14-2-1801.11.

CALCULATION/METHODOLOGY

For purposes of calculating credits to the Customer for Excess Generation, the unit price paid (Credit for Excess Generation) shall be the simple average of the MCCCG over the 8,760 hours (8,784 in a leap year) hours in the forecasted year. The MCCCG in each hour is based on whether native load requirements will be met by internally owned or contracted generation resources or if market purchases will be required to meet native load requirements. The following table provides a description of the MCCCG methodology. The hourly MCCCG cost determination criteria is based on the Market Condition and Dispatch Type. This method of cost determination is very data intensive and will be calculated annually by running UNS Electric's "Planning and Risk" modeling software, and the rate will be filed with the Commission by April 1 of each year and its applicability will coincide with the next Purchased Power and Fuel Adjustment Clause ("PPFAC") rate effective period.

RATE

The customer monthly bill shall consist of the applicable Pricing Plan charges and adjustments in addition to the Credit for Excess Generation based on the MCCCG. The MCCCG rate is an amount expressed as a rate per kWh charge that is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission on or before June 1 of each year and effective with the first billing cycle in June.

Credit for Excess Generation as of June 1, 2011
\$0.039791 per kWh

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MCCCG Cost Determination Matrix

Market Condition and Dispatch Type					
Market Condition and Dispatch Type	Selling to Market from In House Real and Contracted Generation Sources	MCCCG Cost Based on Incremental Production/Purchase Cost of Base Load Generation for that hour			
	No Market Transactions from/to In House and Contracted Generation Sources				
	Purchasing from Day Ahead Market, but not Spot Market, to meet Native Load Requirements	MCCCG Cost Based on Average Day Ahead Market Price of Purchased Power for that hour			
	Purchasing from Spot Market to meet Native Load Requirements	MCCCG Cost Based on Average Spot Market Price of Purchased Power for that hour			

Incremental Production / Purchase of Base Load - The cost of the next kWh (incremental) amount of load that has to be provided by UNS Electric generation sources and/or purchased power. This will be dependent on the season, month and time of day.

If Day Ahead Market or Spot Market purchases are being used to provide for reliability support capacity to meet native load requirements by freeing up in house or contracted generation resources for regulation or spinning reserve purposes for support of native load requirements, that would still represent a Market Purchase for purposes of determining which matrix box is applicable.

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